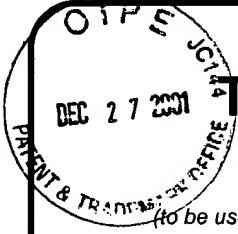
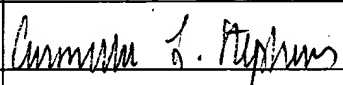
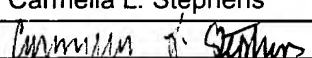


BAKER BOTTS LLPPlease type a plus sign (+) inside this box → ☐09756096 010001
RECEIVED 12/8/2001
DEC 31 2001
OFFICE OF PETITIONS
JAE

| | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
|  TRANSMITTAL FORM (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing) | Application Number | 09/756,096 | |
| | Filing Date | 01/08/2001 | |
| | First Named Inventor | Mitchell | |
| | Group Art Unit | 1623 | |
| | Examiner Name | TBD | |
| Total Number of Pages in This Submission | | Attorney Docket Number | 31304-B-A-B 072874.0135 |

| ENCLOSURES (check all that apply) | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form | <input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (for an Application) | <input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Reply | <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers | <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> After Final | <input type="checkbox"/> Petition | <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application | <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request | <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request | <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer | Petition to revive unintentionally abandoned application; |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement | <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund | Sequence Listing in paper and computer readable form. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____ | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application | Remarks <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53 | | |

| SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT | |
|---|---|
| Firm or Individual name | BakerBotts LLP 30 Rockefeller Plaza New York, NY 10112 |
| Signature |  Att Name: Carmella L. Stephens PTO Reg: 41,328 |
| Date | December 21, 2001 |

| CERTIFICATE OF MAILING | |
|---|---|
| I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on this date: December 21, 2001 | |
| Typed or printed name | Carmella L. Stephens |
| Signature |  Date December 21, 2001 |

BAKER BOTTS LLP

09756096 RECEIVED

DEC 31 2001

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

**FEE TRANSMITTAL
for FY 2001**

Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT

(\$ 2,200

Complete if Known

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Application Number | 09/756,096 |
| Filing Date | 01/08/2001 |
| First Named Inventor | Mitchell |
| Examiner Name | TBD |
| Group Art Unit | 1623 |
| Attorney Docket No. | 31304-B-A-B 072874.0135 |

METHOD OF PAYMENT

1. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to:

Deposit
Account
Number

Deposit
Account
Name

02-4377

Baker Botts LLP

☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required
Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17

☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27

2. ☒ Payment Enclosed:

☒ Check ☐ Credit card ☐ Money
Order ☐ Other

FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity Small Entity

| Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|----------|----------|------------------------|----------|
| 740 | 370 | Utility filing fee | |
| 330 | 165 | Design filing fee | |
| 510 | 255 | Plant filing fee | |
| 740 | 370 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 160 | 80 | Provisional filing fee | |

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 0

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| 20** = 0 | X | 0 | 0 |
| 3** = 0 | X | 0 | 0 |
| Multiple Dependent | | | |

Large Entity Small Entity

| Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Fee Description |
|----------|----------|--|
| 18 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 84 | 42 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 280 | 140 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 84 | 42 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 18 | 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 0

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

| Large Entity Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|----------|
| 130 | 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 50 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 130 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 2,520 | 2,520 | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination | |
| 920* | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1,840* | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 110 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 400 | 200 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 920 | 460 | Extension for reply within third month | 920 |
| 1,440 | 720 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1,960 | 980 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 320 | 160 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 320 | 160 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 280 | 140 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 1,510 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 110 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 1,280 | 640 | Petition to revive - unintentional | 1,280 |
| 1,280 | 640 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 460 | 230 | Design issue fee | |
| 620 | 310 | Plant issue fee | |
| 130 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 50 | 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 180 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 40 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 740 | 370 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) | |
| 740 | 370 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) | |
| 740 | 370 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 900 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |

Other fee (specify) _____

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 2,200

SUBMITTED BY

Name (Print/Type) Carmella L. Stephens

Registration No.
(Attorney/Agent)

41,328

Complete (if applicable)

Telephone (212) 408-2539

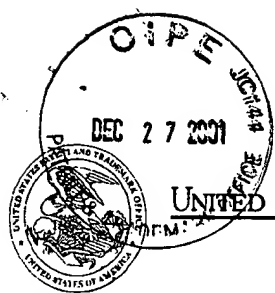
Signature

Carmella L. Stephens

Date

December 21, 2001

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.



01 APR 30 AM 11:05

TO

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231
www.uspto.gov

| APPLICATION NUMBER | FILING/RECEIPT DATE | FIRST NAMED APPLICANT | ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 09/756,096 | 01/08/2001 | Lloyd G. Mitchell | 31304B-A-B 072874.0135 |

CONFIRMATION NO. 5647

FORMALITIES LETTER



OC000000006002619

21003
BAKER & BOTTS
30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA
NEW YORK, NY 10112

Date Mailed: 04/24/2001

NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

RECEIVED

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

DEC 31 2001

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

Docketed

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:

- drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);
- Drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds, and copy marks.
- more than one figure is present and each figure is not labeled "Fig." with a consecutive Arabic numeral (1, 2, etc.) or an Arabic numeral and capital letter in the English alphabet (A, B, etc.) (see 37 CFR 1.84(u)(1));

- This application clearly fails to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825. Applicant's attention is directed to the final rulemaking notice published at 55 FR 18230 (May 1, 1990), and 1114 OG 29 (May 15, 1990). If the effective filing date is on or after July 1, 1998, see the final rulemaking

For 6124 12001 By
10/24/01
mk

notice published at 63 FR 29620 (June 1, 1998) and 1211 OG 82 (June 23, 1998). If the effective filing date is on or after September 8, 2000, see the final rulemaking notice published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 54604 (September 8, 2000) and 1238 OG 145 (September 19, 2000). Applicant must provide an initial computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing", an initial paper or compact disc copy of the "Sequence Listing", as well as an amendment directing its entry into the application. Applicant must also provide a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d). If applicant desires the sequence listing in the instant application to be identical with that of another application on file in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, such request in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(e) may be submitted in lieu of a new CRF.

For questions regarding compliance to these requirements, please contact:

- **For Rules Interpretation, call (703) 308-4216**
- **To Purchase PatentIn Software, call (703) 306-2600**
- **For PatentIn Software Program Help, call (703) 306-4119 or e-mail at patin21help@uspto.gov or patin3help@uspto.gov**

The following item(s) appear to have been **omitted** from the application:

- **Figure(s) 11B** described in the specification.

I. Should applicant contend that the above-noted omitted item(s) was in fact deposited in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with the nonprovisional application papers, a copy of this Notice and a petition (and \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) with evidence of such deposit **must** be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice. The petition fee will be refunded if it is determined that the item(s) was received by the USPTO.

II. Should applicant desire to supply the omitted item(s) and accept the date that such omitted item(s) was filed in the USPTO as the filing date of the above-identified application, a copy of this Notice, the omitted item(s) (with a supplemental oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 referring to such items), and a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 (with the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) requesting the later filing date **must** be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice.

III. The failure to file a petition (and petition fee) under the above options (I) or (II) within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice (37 CFR 1.181(f)) will be treated as a constructive acceptance by the applicant of the application as deposited in the USPTO. **THIS TWO MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b).** In the absence of a timely filed petition in reply to this Notice, the application will maintain a filing date as of the date of deposit of the application papers in the USPTO, and original application papers (*i.e.*, the original disclosure of the invention) will include only those application papers present in the USPTO on the date of deposit.

In the event that applicant elects not to take action pursuant to options (I) or (II) above (thereby constructively electing option (III)), amendment of the specification to renumber the pages consecutively and cancel incomplete sentences caused by any omitted page(s), and/or amendment of the specification to cancel all references to any omitted drawing(s), relabel the drawing figures to be numbered consecutively (if necessary), and correct the references in the specification to the drawing figures to correspond with any relabelled drawing figures, is required. Any drawing changes should be accompanied by a copy of the drawing figures showing the proposed changes in red ink. Such amendment and/or correction to the drawing figures, if necessary, should be by way of preliminary amendment submitted prior to the first Office action to avoid delays in the prosecution of the application.

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.



Customer Service Center

Initial Patent Examination Division (703) 308-1202

PART 1 - ATTORNEY/APPLICANT COPY

RECEIVED

DEC 31 2001

OFFICE OF PETITIONS